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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE KIRILLIN APPOINTMENT, AMBASSADOR HAD ALREADY MENTIONED TO PRESS WHO AGREED AND WILL TAKE INITIATIVE.
2. FYI ONLY, CURRENT WORD IS THAT PATOLICHEV WILL SEE VP ONLY.
3. AMBASSADOR NEEDS HALF A DOZEN FORMS FOR INVITING GUESTS. CAN YOU POUCH SOONEST?
4. AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED CRYOGENIC REFRIGERATOR WITH FRANK PRESS, WHO WILL TRY TO GET THE DECISION REVERSED. MEANWHILE, YOU SHOULD NOT DO ANYTHING WITH THE SOVIETS.
5. WE HAD BIG MEETING TODAY WITH ALL AGENCIES INVOLVED
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IN KIEV ISSUES. UPSHOT WAS THAT ROOF QUESTION AND OTHER STRELETSKAYA PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY ELECTRICITY, RAISED IN NUMEROUS CABLES BETWEEN US AND YOU, ARE TOO COMPLICATED TO IRON OUT THROUGH SENDING INSTRUCTIONS TO KAP. WE ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO SEND KNOOP OUT AGAIN IN JUNE ARMED WITH ALL ANSWERS AND ABLE TO RESOLVE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS ON THE SPOT. ONLY PROBLEM IS WORKING

OUT FUNDING FOR TRIP, WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL NOT BE
DIFFICULT. WE WILL HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU TOMORROW
ON GORKIY, WHICH WE HOPE WILL MOVE US TOWARD SETTLEMENT
BEFORE KNOOP ARRIVES.

6. RCA WAS UNABLE TO GET TECHNICAL PROPOSAL TO US BY COB
MONDAY, AND DECIDED TO TRY TO FIND SOME OTHER WAY TO GET
IT TO MOSCOW BY THEIR MAY 25 DEADLINE.

7. PODGORNYY AFFAIR IS BIG BUSINESS HERE, AND EVERY
LITTLE TIDBIT IS WELCOMED. KEEP IT COMING. WIDESPREAD
FEELING HERE IS THAT ILICH HAS HIS EYE ON CHIEF OF STATE
JOB. EVERYONE ACCEPTS THAT BREZHNEV IS CALLING THE
SHOTS. VANCE

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